



*"BE A GOOD CITIZEN, AND
GET IN THE GAME!"*

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Dear MetroStars Fans,

Ironically, about one month ago, I won two tickets to the 2005 MLS Cup through the online raffle on the FC Dallas web site. When I was notified of my winnings, I took it as a sign of good things to come . . . IT WAS OUR TURN THIS YEAR!! Alas! It was not. Instead, I agonized over the Conference Finals, where the LA Galaxy (a team we did not lose to this season; OK, so they did not have Landon!) and the New England Revolution (a team over which we held a brief 2-0 aggregate advantage; and should have easily beaten *more* than once) emerged as the two contenders for The Cup in Frisco, TX. And so it goes . . .

In retrospect, it was a season of uncertainty, both for the MetroStars and MetroNation. The MetroStars' roster, front office, and coaching staff were all affected, as if nobody was immune. All we needed to do was promote a new MetroStars fan club with purpose, organization, and importantly, credibility. NO SWEAT! - GULP!- Despite it all, everything seemed to come together in the end.

As another opportunity to bring home some hardware slips through our fingers, the wonderful memories of our inaugural season as "MetroNation" seem to speed the healing process. I could not have asked for a better group of passionate MetroStars fans with whom to spend many weekends at Giants Stadium or "abroad," if you will. We salute the efforts of MoJo and his staff, and our Boys in Red and Black. Also, we cannot overlook the constant encouragement from the MetroStars Front Office, to other fan clubs, to local soccer enthusiasts, which helped us through it all.

Together with the Empire Supporters Club and First Row Idiots, we will be back for what should be the final full season at Giants Stadium (barring any political or financial catastrophes). YEAH, BABY! Being involved with all of you makes it worthwhile and ensures that the inaugural match in Harrison Stadium will be one for the ages!! Speaking of the future, it seems that MetroNation's is a bright one, and we have you to thank for it!

No. I will not be at the MLS Cup match this year. However, I know I will be someday, proudly wearing the Red and Black . . .

Sincerely Yours in Red and Black,

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Chief Officer

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